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Subject: Purpose and Need Statement for the CALFED Bay-Delta Programmatic EIR/EIS

Enclosed is the final Purpose and Need Statement for the CALFED Bay-Delta Programmatic EIR/EIS. We have further refined the statement to reflect the concerns of the U. S. Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and various stakeholders.

EPA and USACE helped craft language which will be useful in meeting Clean Water Act, Section 404 (b) (1) requirements. Their language is the first paragraph of the Purpose and Need statement beginning on page 3. The SWRCB requested that we clarify certain sentences dealing with the Framework Agreement. Basically, they asked us to adjust our focus from developing the long-term solution to developing a long-term process which will lead to a long-term solution. The stakeholders indicated the Purpose and Need statement was too general in its discussion of what we are trying to accomplish. Accordingly, we added the Program's goals (previously referred to as objectives), and listed the Program's objectives (previously referred to as sub-objectives), in summary form.

If you have any questions, please contact Rick Breitenbach at (916) 657-2666.

Enclosure

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California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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